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LIFE SENTENCE FOR YOUNG SPARKS OF ELLIOTT-COUNTY

Other Doings of the Law- rence Circuit Court Now in Session.

Richard Sparks, age 20 years, received a sentence of imprisonment for life at the hands of a Lawrence county jury in court here Saturday evening. He is one of three men charged with complicity in the murder of Miss Mary Sparks and her brother, Hugh. Little Wes Sparks and Jim Barker are the other men indicted for the crime. Barker has not been apprehended, and Richard is the first to be tried.

The NEWS published full details of the trouble, which occurred on Walpole creek in Elliott county a few months ago, while Hugh Sparks, and Miss Mary, age 15 years, and brother were attacked on their way to church by Barker and Little Wes Sparks and others. The cases were transferred to the Lawrence court for trial.

Other Cases.

Two felonies were tried this week, resulting in acquittals. One was John Kitchen for shooting at Jake Arrington.

John Conkey and Arnold Rice were found guilty on the charge of breaking into Mart Thompson's store.

Theodore Puckett and Earl Williams of Catlettsburg, were arrested last Saturday on charges of stealing an automobile at Kenova, belonging to Harlan Johnson. They were indicted and Puckett was tried yesterday. He was given two years.

Williams has only one leg and one arm, and is said to have been in the penitentiary twice.

The grand jury has returned 91 indictments and is still grinding away.

On Saturday Judge Cline is to hear a suit brought to determine the right of certain candidates to have their names placed on the ballots under the Democratic device. They are Walter A. Arrington for county clerk, H. B. Hewlett for circuit clerk, and V. B. Shorridge, Add Meeks and Silas Jobe for magistrate in their respective districts. These men failed to file with the county clerk their certificates of nomination within the time named in the statute. The law has been changed since the last election of county officers. Formerly it was 15 days. The Democratic county committee was called together on Tuesday and filed the vacancies by naming these men. A suit was then filed to test the action.

Leo Boyd, age 16, was fined \$50 for accidentally shooting Jim McGuire.

JAKE'S STORE ROBBED AGAIN

For the third time in his present location J. Iersahy has suffered from robbers. On Friday night, or early Saturday morning, thieves entered the store by forcing a rear door. Goods to the amount of about \$125.00 were missed, consisting largely of the best line of women's suits and coats, men's suits, etc.

A bloodhound was brought here on N. & W. train No. 16 Saturday and a trail was picked up soon and followed some distance below town. A search warrant was secured but no goods were found. On Sunday morning two large baskets full of the goods were found near the mouth of a branch below town. These were only a portion of the goods stolen, probably less than half. Jake has offered a reward for the guilty parties.

SMITH-CONWAY.

Thomas Conway and Mrs. Bertha Smith were married in Welch, Va., on Saturday, September 17. For the present they are at home at Gary, Ky. Mrs. Smith has frequently visited Louisa where she is quite popular.

Conway was formerly of Cincinnati and now holds a position with the S. Steel Corporation at Gary. Many Louisa friends of the bride wishing the couple a long and happy life.

DAVIS SELLS PROPERTY.
Collinsworth and John Ekers bought from Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davis their home on Main Cross and Madison streets, opposite the M. E. Church. It is said they will build back half way on Main Cross.

The business retains the remainder of the lot and will move into the house on the part of the lot, now occupied by Mr. Short.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
Owing to the congested conditions of the public school building the Louisa Board of Education has rented the school of R. L. Vinson's new building on upper Madison street and it will be used up for one of the grades. The new school is doing nicely, with the enrollment increasing.

E. CHURCH, SOUTH.
Missionary Meeting.
An interesting meeting of the Wesleyan Missionary Society was held Tuesday at the church. Plans for a day meeting in October were discussed by the Mission Study Class. The service was served by Mrs. E. and Mrs. W. E. Queen.

Baptists Elect Dr. W. J. Simpson of Lexington.
The first Baptist church of Louisa has elected Dr. Simpson to be pastor and his work will begin at once. He preached here twice Sunday and the congregation was greatly pleased.

City Council Held Important Session on 27

The city council met in called session Tuesday night. It was found that nearly all the property owners along the State aid route had arranged payment for the paving, so as to participate in this money. But in order to give the few delinquents another chance the matter was left open until the regular monthly meeting of the council, which will occur next Tuesday night October 4. If any fail to pay up by that time, bonds will be issued against their property on the ten year plan and no state aid can go to them. This is very important to the property owners.

The council accepted Rice street, running through the Brown addition to Louisa, and sidewalks were ordered built by the property owners. Also the sidewalk order extends on through to Madison street and to the store building on the hill on Madison.

Some Italy people were present and secured an order to build a four-foot concrete walk from the H. C. Rammons property to H. W. Creel's, and also on all the main streets in the Italy addition. L. E. Wallace is now at work setting the grade stakes for this work.

Death of One Son Follows Bur- ial of Another

The youngest son of P. P. Lester, age about seven years, died recently at the home about six miles from Ft. Gay, of diphtheria, after a brief illness.

An unusually sad feature of the case was the fact that Mr. Lester had just been to Washington to the burial of his son Clyde in Arlington National Cemetery. Clyde was one of the heroes who gave up his life in the World War. The body arrived recently with a shipload of others who had made the supreme sacrifice. Mr. Lester found his little boy sick upon his return home and death came within a few hours. Much sympathy is felt and expressed for the surviving members of this good family—one of the best in Wayne-co.

J. P. FISHEL KILLED IN JOHNSON COUNTY

Veteran Oil Man Loses Life When Automobile Goes Over Precipice

J. P. Fishel, 63, a widely known oil well contractor, whose headquarters have been for some time in Huntington, W. Va., was instantly killed when his automobile he was driving plunged over a thirty-foot precipice from a road nine miles out of Paintsville about nine o'clock Monday morning.

Mr. Fishel, it was said, accompanied by another man, an employee of the Mid-South Oil company, was driving toward operations of the company having left Paintsville early in the morning. Between Paintsville and Red Bush they encountered a washout in the road and the car slid over the embankment while the driver was attempting to turn it around. The other occupant jumped and escaped uninjured.

Mr. Fishel spent Sunday in Huntington, leaving Sunday afternoon for the Kentucky field of the Mid-South Oil Company, for which he was chief contractor.

He was a veteran of the oil business and one of the oldest active contractors in this part of the country. During the course of his career, he put down hundreds of wells. His operations included extensive drilling in the Pennsylvania fields where he was widely known.

D. T. Evans of the Mid-South Oil Company accompanied the body of Mr. Fishel to his home in Marietta, Ohio. Mr. Evans was joined by Mrs. Fishel, widow of the accident victim and her brother, in Huntington.

WOMAN DIES ON WAY TO HOSPITAL

Mrs. James Miller of Lick creek died last Friday in an automobile while crossing the bridge at Louisa. She had been sick for more than a month and her husband was taking her to a Huntington hospital. They expected to go by way of the N. & W. from Fort Gay. Mrs. Miller was a daughter of Field Pigg, of this county. She gave birth to a child a few weeks ago and her condition had been critical ever since.

Free Moving Picture at Louisa Sunday Afternoon

On next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock at Eldorado theater in Louisa a free exhibition will be given of an interesting film entitled, "The End of the Road." This is being done by the Y. M. C. A. in connection with the campaign for sex hygiene. W. W. Hall the district secretary, will be present. Everybody, young and old, male and female, are invited.

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ROAD MEETING AT PIKEVILLE NEXT TUESDAY, OCT. 4

Called For 3:30 p. m. to Ac- commodate Virginia and Tennessee Men.

The organization of a Highway Association, to be accomplished at a meeting at Pikeville next Tuesday, October 4th, is of very great importance and should be largely attended by citizens from all counties in the Big Sandy Valley.

The hour has been fixed at 3:30 p. m., because delegates from Virginia and Tennessee can not arrive earlier without leaving home a day sooner, which would be an unnecessary hardship. This arrangement will enable everybody to attend with only one night away from home.

As before stated the purpose of this organization is to procure a paved highway from Ironton, Huntington, Ashland, Catlettsburg, Louisa, etc., to Knoxville and Asheville. The Mayo Trail, Trail of the Lonesome Pine and the Tennessee Headwaters Road are to be pushed to completion and the entire road will be known as the Appalachian Crossroad.

The Association can and will do much toward hastening the work on this great hard surfaced road from the north to the south. On account of the magnificent mountain scenery the route would be one of the most popular in the eastern half of the United States for tourists.

Home for Indigent Kentucky Physicians and Dependents

Louisville, Ky., September 24.—The disposition made by the Kentucky State Medical Association while in convention here this week of property at Richmond, Ky., bequeathed to it by Mrs. Elizabeth S. Irvine, will make Kentucky one of the first States in the Union to have a home especially for its indigent physicians and their dependents.

The value of the estate bequeathed the association by Mrs. Irvine, granddaughter of Dr. Ephraim McDowell, noted surgeon, is said to be around \$120,000, consisting of fifteen acres of land in the heart of Richmond and of an annuity of \$2,000. Provision also was made in the will for the purchase and erection of a \$5,000 monument.

Dr. W. B. McClure, Lexington, treasurer of the association, was named chairman of the committee that will formally receive the bequest and carry out the provisions of the will. The other two members of the committee are Dr. R. Julian Estill, Lexington, and Dr. Murison Dunn, Richmond.

SUIT TO ENJOIN MINE ORGANIZERS

Indianapolis, Sept. 22.—A suit to enjoin the United Mine Workers of America from further efforts to organize the nonunion coal fields of Mingo-co., W. Va., and Pike-co., Ky., was filed in the United States District Court for Indiana here on behalf of sixty-two coal mining companies and operators having properties in the Thacker and Williamson coal fields of the two counties.

Injunction against the "check-off" system, by which the operators withhold from the pay of the union miners the dues and assessments of the organization is also sought in the suit, which also charges a conspiracy on the part of the operators of the Central competitive coal fields and the miners' union to eliminate nonunion competition.

Anti-Trust Act Violation Charged.
The suit was brought in the name of the Borderland Coal Corporation of Virginia, and besides the union officials and members, names the Jackson Hill Coal & Coke Company, Rowlands Power Consolidated Coal Company and the Lower Vein Coal Company, all of Indiana, and others with interests identical in the Central competitive field, as defendants.

It is asserted in the complaint that the miners' union is an "unlawful combination and conspiracy, acting in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, the Clayton anti-trust law and in violation of sound public policy," and the court is asked to enjoin the organization from further continuing in any way or manner whatsoever its activities and policies against the plaintiff or from seeking further to obtain the objects of said policies.

The bill of complaint recites in detail the activities in the Kentucky and West Virginia coal fields as a result of the refusal of the operators there to recognize the union, and prays that the organization further be enjoined from causing anything that limit the rights of the plaintiff to employ non-union labor, and "particularly the acts of insurrection, murder, violence, intimidation and threats and other unlawful acts heretofore complained of."

Voiding of Contracts Sought.
The court is asked to adjudge as illegal and void contracts heretofore entered into between the operators of the Central competitive field and the operators of other unionized districts and the United Mine Workers.

War Hero Buried at Richardson Wednesday

The body of McClellan Vaughan passed through Louisa last Saturday morning on the way to Richardson. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. (Jeff) Vaughan and was killed in France in the World War.

The funeral service was held Wednesday morning at the home and burial followed in the family burying ground.

The young man was a nephew of P. H. Vaughan of this place. He was killed in France October 16, 1918, after nearly four months service overseas. He enlisted a year previous to his death. His age was 25 years. Rev. H. B. Hewlett preached the funeral which was largely attended.

The following Louisa relatives and friends were present: Mrs. P. H. Vaughan, Mrs. J. R. Hatcher, Miss Belle Vaughan, Mrs. J. B. Vaughan, Mrs. Carl Pickelmeier, Mrs. W. B. Ramm, Mrs. Giles Simpson, Mrs. D. C. Spencer and Mrs. Billie Riffe.

KNOXVILLE FIRMS GET MAYO TRAIL

R. G. Hill & Co. of Knoxville, gets the Mayo Trail contract from Louisa to the Boyd county line. Contract was awarded at Frankfort yesterday.

Dempster Construction Company of Knoxville, was awarded the contract for the Federal aid work in Pike county.

Virginia Girl Robbed in Louisville

The Louisville Times says:—Loot valued at \$3,500, the largest item of which is a \$3,000 pearl necklace, was stolen from the room of Miss Loretta Nelson of Tom's Creek, Va., at 310 West Chestnut street Sunday morning, according to her report to the police whom she called to investigate the affair.

Miss Nelson, whose home is near Big Stone Gap, is learning the millinery business at a local wholesale house. The necklace was a gift, she said, from her fiancé, Dr. C. C. Carr of Appalachia, Va.

JOHN MAYO'S VISION OF EAST KENTUCKY

(The following is an editorial from The Black Diamond, the leading coal journal of the United States.)

One Man's Vision.
Without vision the development of the great coal fields of this country would not have been possible.

That has no where been so true as in the case of the marvelous and almost unparalleled development of the Big Sandy Valley of Kentucky and that development was evolved from the vision of one man, the late John C. C. Mayo of Paintsville, Ky.

Two decades ago the mining of coal on the Big Sandy river and its tributaries was scarcely known. The vast resources of that section were undreamed of save by one man, John Mayo. He was a school teacher. A man with a limited income. To most people the Big Sandy valley was looked upon as one of the poorest sections of Kentucky. To John C. C. Mayo it was the land of opportunity, of his opportunity and of the opportunity of others. Visualizing the unlimited possibilities of the Big Sandy he set to work to consolidate all the coal lands in the valley which stretched from the Ohio to the Cumberland mountains.

It was a monumental work. People were skeptical. The land had been there for years. How then could it be possible that it should have escaped the attention of the business world if it contained so many possibilities? It needed a Mayo. That was all. Mr. Mayo organized the Northern Coal & Coke Company and that became the holding company for thousands of acres; but it was 1907 or 1908 before Mr. Mayo and his associates succeeded in interesting bankers and operators in the Big Sandy territory and it was 1910 before capital was invested upon any considerable scale in the territory where the Millers Creek Block and the Fikhorn-By-Product are now produced.

Despite many discouragements, holding to his vision, having faith in his own judgment, John Mayo clung tenaciously to the project he had undertaken and saw before his death the realization of his dreams. His dreams came true. They made him wealthy. But they did much more. They paved the way for the great development of the northeast Kentucky coal field. They have given to the country some of its finest coal.

It is the vision of such men which has made this country what it is today and it is the vision of men which has opened the great coal resources of the nation to development. Had John Mayo failed to visualize the possibilities of the state in which he lived or having such a vision had he been less determined, less persistent, less aggressive, it might have been many years before the development of the Big Sandy was launched.

The coal development of this country has been brought about not thru unions, not through the nationalization of coal mines, not through any laws. But through the foresight, initiative and energy of men who staked their all on their dreams and visions and who were willing to work and save and take advantage of their opportunities.

BISHOP DARLINGTON SAYS HUNS AGAIN ARE PLANNING WAR

Returned From Visit to Germany and Other Eu- ropean Countries

The following very interesting interview is from the Huntington Herald-Dispatch:

"Germany is determined to again slap at France. In the hopes that the United States will adopt a 'hands off' policy when the time arrives Americans are being received there with extreme courtesy. In fact, it is overdone."

So declared Bishop U. V. W. Darlington of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in an interview last night at his home, 724 Tenth avenue, following his return from Europe, where he went three months ago as a member of a party of churchmen to make a survey of economic conditions and in the interest of religious effort.

The Polish government, said the bishop, is doing everything possible to aid and encourage the work the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is doing there. Two special cars were placed at the disposal of the delegation and attached to any train on which travel was desired.

"Today the future of Poland is very uncertain," continued Bishop Darlington. "There is a determined propaganda being circulated by the Bolsheviks in the hopes of overthrowing the government. Money is scarce. Everything is high. One dollar in the United States is worth 3,000 marks. It costs me 1,500 marks to eat dinner."

"This is one of the reasons exports have diminished, so in the United States," he explained. "There money is not worth anything. It is the same in the other countries on the continent with the exception of Germany and one or two others."

Germany Most Prosperous.
"Germany is the most prosperous country on the continent. There are more signs of industry and thrift than anywhere in Europe."

"True, Czechoslovakia is a prosperous nation and I think can take care of herself even though encircled by an iron ring. There are wonderful opportunities there by evangelical work. Any good protestant minister would have a large following there. But as for Germany, I don't believe a word of the stories about the poverty of Germany."

"They do not want to pay the \$70,000,000 in reparations demanded by the allies. They point to the fact that the Imperial army opposed for four years the entente and now ask: 'Why should we be forced to pay? We were not defeated.'"

Supplies the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is distributing in the poverty-stricken countries are purchased and transported through the American Relief Association, which is headed by Herbert Hoover. Just recently a ship load of clothing was distributed from relief stations conducted by the church, including Vilnos, Warsaw, Jarasawechia Prague and other centers.

For the work the General Board of Missions has appropriated between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. Approximately \$800,000 has been expended. Besides in Poland, Czechoslovakia and France a large sum has also been used from the fund in Belgium. In the latter country the church conducts a girls' school in Brussels. There are 75 girls enrolled. An enrollment of 300 or more could be obtained provided the institution was large enough to provide for that number, said the bishop.

"Germany now is paying the way for the restoration of monarchial rule," said Bishop Darlington. "They do not accept the defeat in the World war as defeat protesting that they were sold out by the leaders of the revolution and now they are assassinating them. More than 140 have been killed. Among them, you recall, was Matthias Erzberger, the former premier."

During the bishop's stay on the continent he crossed and recrossed Germany four times, besides making tours of France, Belgium, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Holland, Austria and the free state of Danzig.

Last night he drew a vivid word picture of the countries he visited, including a description of the devastated lands where occurred some of the most furious fighting during the war period. One of these was Ypres, where more than 250,000 British subjects died. In this war-torn section the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, already has undertaken considerable relief work and on some of the property the church owns there it is planned to establish a permanent Protestant church.

To Bolshevik Line.
While in Poland Bishop Darlington traveled to the lines of the Bolshevik forces and spent some time at the point where prisoners of war are exchanged between the red army and Poland's troops.

"Approximately 20,000 prisoners are exchanged there each month," he said. "The Poles are poured into their own destitute country without funds scarce for any clothing and no place of shelter. The Germans are encouraging the Bolshevik forces and aiding them in every way possible. They hope to see the republicans form of government there overthrown."

It was in Poland the bishop spent probably more time than at any one place while abroad. He was there two weeks. The church is also doing much

relief work in Warsaw, where the population has jumped to more than 1,000,000. There are not sufficient dwellings and convenience to adequately accommodate more than 6,000, he added.

"Hundreds of Poles who were in Russia during the Romanoff regime have worked their way back to their native country," stated Bishop Darlington. "The influx resulted in thousands being unable to find shelter or sufficient food and many die of exposure and starvation."

The trip to Poland followed a visit to Pargus, where conditions similar to those in Poland were found. There are many Russian refugees there, including many of royal birth, who fled their native land when the czar was deposed in a coup d'etat conducted by the church an ex-judge of the supreme court in Moscow is the cook. His wife assists him in the work.

At this kitchen refugees who are able pay six cents a day for provisions. Sustenance is provided gratuitously to those who are without finances. Five thousand students have also fled to Prague to escape the Bolshevik rule and now are attending the University of Prague, where the enrollment exceeds 17,000.

In Belgium the church owns real estate valued at \$150,000.

Relief Program Outlined.

The relief program outlined for Prague, and now being rushed there is provision made for the establishment of an orphanage. The church in Prague has a membership of 1,700 and the congregation is aiding materially in the fulfillment of the church's plans there. The money was made available through the centenary fund.

"I have the most profound sympathy for those suffering people," declared the bishop. "In Poland it is only the great patience of the people that made it possible for so many of them to withstand the privations and long suffering."

After the tour on the continent Bishop Darlington attended the worldwide Methodist conference in London, sailing from Liverpool September 19 on the White Star liner Baltic. Enroute to New York the steamer encountered the worst storm in years on the Atlantic. The vessel was rocked and tossed from noon until midnight, when the high wind, the velocity of which was said to be 80 miles an hour, subsided.

The trip from New York to England was uneventful.

Since his arrival in Huntington a host of old friends have called on the bishop.

STREET PAVING JOB FINISHED

All the street paving arranged for in the city of Louisa has been completed and our pretty little city is very proud of this, its greatest improvement. Last year the streets were either inches deep in dust or knee deep in mud. The difference between then and now is thrilling.

The city council has been trying to get the C. & O. railway to help pay what there is left on Jefferson street outside of the space occupied by the tracks. This means the east side of the tracks. It was greatly desired that this be done this season, but it seems that nothing can be accomplished.

The cost of all the work done, including sewers, etc., is a little less than \$135,000.

While Louisa has been a long time in getting to this improvement she now presents the job to visitors with much pride. The job is uniform and the type of paving is proving very satisfactory.

OIL GETS SMALL PRICE INCREASE

Somerset grades of oil received a slight advance in price Tuesday of this week. Ten cents per barrel was added to Somerset, making it \$11.20. Somerset Light gets 20c, bringing it to \$11.45.

The operators and royalty holders are very thankful for these small favors.

Notice has been given that the Cumberland Pipe Line Company can not accept any more oil present for storage. Parties must sell immediately whatever oil is run for them.

Judge Patrick Wins Over Wheeler in Floyd-Knott

A report from Frankfort says:—In the case of C. B. Wheeler against A. T. Patrick, involving the Republican nomination for Circuit Judge of the Thirty-first District, which came up from Floyd-co., the court held in favor of Patrick, reversing the lower court, which held that the notice of contest which specified the County Clerk's office instead of the County Clerk's room was prepared improperly. The upper court held this to be insufficient and ordered the contest.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

John W. Moore, 26, of Davalville, to Nellie Cordie, 17, of Wilbur.
Eugene Layne, 25, Louisa, to Rosie Collins, 14, Gallup, (colored.)

LIFE IMPRISONMENT.

At Williamsen J. C. McCoy received a life sentence for killing prohibition officer Harry Staton at Spring last May.